

# BATH SARACENS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

*Affiliated to Rugby Football Union, Civil Service Rugby Football Union and Bath District Rugby Combination*

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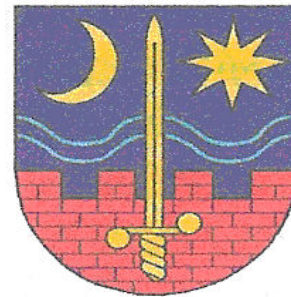
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**1947 – 2007  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dear Vice Presidents,

I regrettably start this newsletter with the sad news of the death of Bath Saracens player Gethin Bevan. Gethin who was an extremely versatile player, enjoyed playing in the back or front row. Gethin was a great player to play alongside and train with. Our thoughts and wishes go out to all that knew him. He will be deeply missed. Before the match against Malmesbury a minute's silence was held in his honor.

On the pitch, Sarries have begun the season extremely well in a new higher league where we are competing strongly. We began the season with a tremendous win against Cooper Avon, with the hard fitness and pre-season training showing its benefits. On a high after a great start, we were brought back down against an extremely well drilled and strong Corsham side, that pipped us to the top spot last season. Sarries were back to winning ways in a friendly against Old Culverhaysians. The disappointment of a cancelled match against Chippenham (when there was no referee) was followed by a very narrow defeat away to Devizes, where we showed that they could easily match teams in the league, with our backs performing particularly well. The game at Malmesbury was a fitting tribute to Gethin with both sides treating the spectators to an excellent game in which we ran out winners. This game showed how well our pack could play. Our results have Bath Saracens placed in the top half of the league, with 2 games in hand over most teams.

Promotion to a new league has been tricky, however if Sarries can continue to perform consistently throughout the season, we could push for a position much higher than originally thought!

The results table so far is shown below, and for a more detailed report please visit our website: [www.bathsaracens.co.uk](http://www.bathsaracens.co.uk)

Date	Type	Opponents	Venue	For	Against
22nd September	Friendly	Bradford on Avon II	Home	<a href="#">10</a>	<a href="#">5</a>
29th September	League	<a href="#">Cooper Avon II</a>	Away	<a href="#">39</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
6th October	League	Corsham II	Home	0	41
13th October	Friendly	Old Culverhaysians	Home	<a href="#">22</a>	<a href="#">5</a>
20th October	League	<a href="#">Chippenham III</a>	Away	Cancelled	
27th October	League	<a href="#">Devizes II</a>	Away	17	29
3rd November	League	Malmesbury	Home	29	19

Our up coming matches are shown below, and please come along and support the team and join us for a few beers, your support is always greatly appreciated!

10th November	League	<a href="#">Pewsey Vale</a>	Away
17th November	League	Chippenham III	Away
24th November	League	Sutton Benger	Home
1st December	League	<a href="#">Swindon College II</a>	Away
8th December	Friendly	Old Morganians	Home

As I am sure you are aware, it's that time of year where Santa is preparing his sleigh and preparation for Christmas seems to be coming round earlier and earlier, and the Annual Bath Saracens Christmas raffle is no different. You will have probably noticed a small bundle of Bath Saracens raffle tickets have been enclosed with this letter. There are five books of five £1.00 tickets for our annual raffle to be held at the Sulis Club on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Most of the players will be there and with it being less than two weeks before Christmas, a good party atmosphere is expected, and you are all welcome to join us for a few beers. The raffle is the major fund raising device for the club over the year. We need to sell as many books as possible so please make the same excellent effort as you did last year and you never know the first prize may go to a VP! If you do not want to buy them all for yourself, family, friends, work colleagues are all potential customers. If you require additional tickets please let me know.

Please return (any) unsold tickets along with stubs and monies collected to me or another committee member by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007. I would also be grateful if you would complete the handy tear off slip at the bottom of this letter and include it with your returns.

Fellow Vice President, Hugh Sawyer, would like to pass on his thanks to the continued help with names for some of the old photos on the website. If you can help, please do! Hugh is also updating and adding Vice President stories to the web site. So please email or contact him with any stories and memories that you wish to share.

On a different note, with Christmas coming up, internet shopping is now an easy and convenient way to purchase all those goodies for our loved ones. Please visit and register on [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) before making any purchase online. There are over 400 of the UK's best-known retailers including many popular names such as Next, play.com, Amazon, Debenhams, John Lewis and HMV, and when you shop using the links on the site up to 15% from every purchase you make would be donated to the cause you choose to nominate. (ie: BATH SARACENS)

Have a look and please select Bath Saracens as your chosen cause, we can receive a percentage of your purchases to go towards running the club, at no extra cost to you!

Finally if any of you have e-mail addresses please send an e-mail to me at [martin.solomon469@mod.uk](mailto:martin.solomon469@mod.uk) I can then update my records and send future correspondence to your inbox.

Yours Faithfully

*Martin*

Martin Solomon  
Membership and Publicity Secretary

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Please find enclosed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket stubs for the Grand Christmas Raffle and associated payment of

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\_\_\_\_\_ unsold tickets.

From: \_\_\_\_\_ [Please Print]